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Dear Dean:

I am writing this letter to invite your attention to the desirability of taking advantage of appropriate authoritative international gatherings, such as the current "World Conference of the Rule of Law," to promote international acceptance of the doctrine of "freedom of space." I believe that it is very important to our national security to protect our vitally important satellite reconnaissance program by making every effort to encourage general acceptance of the idea that attack on a satellite in space by a country which did not own it would be tantamount to attacking another country's ship on the high seas.

It is even more desirable than before to undertake the promotion of the "freedom of space" doctrine because of improving Soviet capabilities for attacking and destroying orbiting space vehicles.

Sincerely,

[(signed)] W. F. Raborn

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CONCUR:

The Honorable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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cc: Mr. Robert S. McNamara
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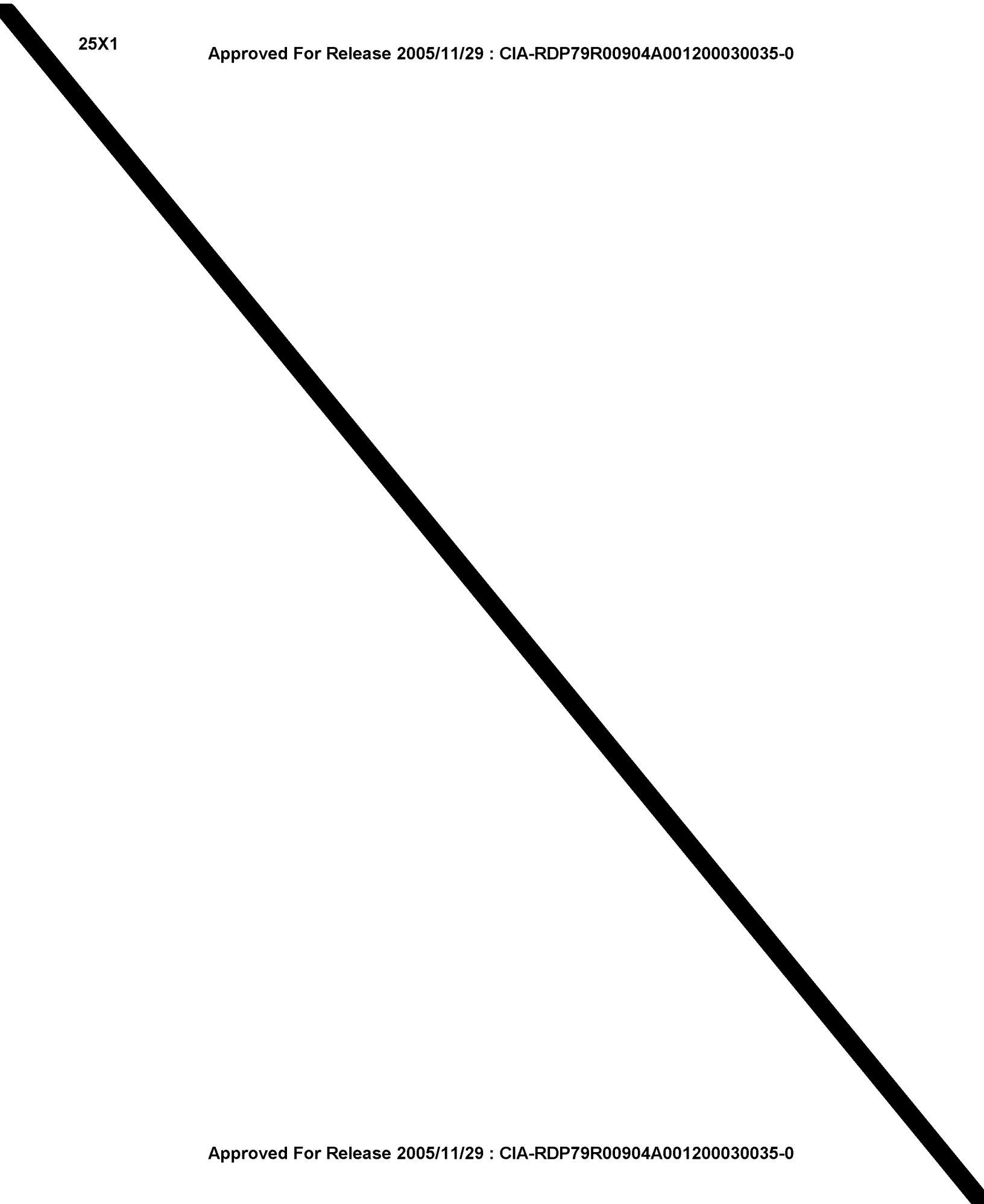

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